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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

Campaign against tuberculosis—Rewards for work and research.

The central committee of the International Congress on Tuberculosis announces the offer of rewards for evidence of effective work in the prevention or relief of tuberculosis; for exhibits of sanatoria, sanitary houses, hospitals, dispensaries and kindred institutions; for a treatise on "The Relation of Atmospheric Air to Tuberculosis"; for educational leaflets and booklets designed for the campaign against tuberculosis, to be distributed to different classes of people, such as dairy farmers, teachers, and school children; for the best contribution of a pathological exhibit; for the societies engaged in the crusade against tuberculosis having the largest membership in relation to population; for the best exhibits of laws and ordinances relating to tuberculosis; for plans that have proven most successful in raising funds for the crusade against tuberculosis; for plans for the employment of arrested cases of tuberculosis, and for exhibits of a sanitary passenger railroad car and a sanitary workshop or factory. The rewards consist of medals and cash prizes. Full information regarding conditions are contained in a circular issued by the central committee of the International Congress on Tuberculosis, Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, chairman, Philadelphia.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Status of plague—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, Point Richmond, and Emeryville, Cal.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Blue reports for the two weeks ended March 7:

Total cases verified bacteriologically to date, 121; total cases verified clinically to date, 38; total deaths to date, 77.

Date of occurrence of last case, February 8. Date of finding of last infected rat, March 7.

Doctor Blue further reports plague-prevention work carried out at San Francisco, Oakland, Point Richmond, and Emeryville, Cal., during the weeks ended February 29 and March 7:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Week ended February 29.

Sick inspected.....	33
Dead inspected.....	155
Necropsies held.....	1
Premises inspected.....	10, 564
Houses disinfected.....	159
Houses destroyed.....	35
Buildings condemned.....	8
Nuisances abated.....	3, 241
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Rats found dead.....	309
Rats trapped.....	10, 248
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Total rats taken.....	10, 557
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Rats identified:	
Mus alexandrus.....	2
Mus decumanus.....	7, 223
Mus rattus.....	152
Mus musculus.....	2, 892
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Total.....	10, 269
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Bounty rats received.....	7, 892
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	3, 919
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	20

Week ended March 7.

Total deaths to date.....	77
Sick inspected.....	31
Dead inspected.....	103
Necropsies held.....	4
Premises inspected.....	16, 525
Houses disinfected.....	144
Houses destroyed.....	19
Buildings condemned.....	12
Nuisances abated.....	3, 800
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Rats found dead.....	262
Rats trapped.....	9, 502
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Total rats taken.....	9, 764
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Rats identified:	
Mus decumanus.....	6, 365
Mus rattus.....	149
Mus musculus.....	2, 884
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Total.....	9, 398
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Bounty rats received.....	6, 230
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	5, 100
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	21
Poisons placed.....	68, 238

Week ended February 29.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Sick inspected.....	227
Dead inspected.....	39
Premises inspected.....	791
Houses disinfected.....	7
Nuisances abated.....	173
Rats found dead.....	44
Rats trapped.....	634
Poisons placed.....	333, 610
Notices served.....	80
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	609
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	13
Necropsies held.....	2
Certificates signed.....	4

Week ended March 7.

Sick inspected.....	162
Dead inspected.....	43
Premises inspected.....	630
Houses disinfected.....	9
Nuisances abated.....	96
Rats found dead.....	55
Rats trapped.....	418
Poisons placed.....	220, 650
Notices served.....	56
Ships inspected.....	18
Certificates signed.....	3
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	392
Rats infected with bacillus pestis.....	15
Necropsies held.....	1

Week ended February 29.

POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

Sick inspected.....	3
Dead inspected.....	6
Premises inspected.....	196
Nuisances abated.....	39
Rats found dead.....	43
Rats trapped.....	257
Poisons placed.....	8, 500

EMERYVILLE, CAL.

Premises inspected.....	38
Houses disinfected.....	1
Nuisances abated.....	3
Rats trapped.....	130
Poisons placed.....	12, 490
Notices served.....	14

Outgoing quarantine transactions.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Hobby reports, March 4: Week ended February 29.

Vessels disinfected and certified.....	50
Vessels certified.....	27